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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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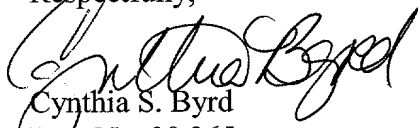
- ☒ 16 Pages of Specification including an Abstract
☒ 05 Pages of Claims
☒ 08 Sheet(s) of Drawings
☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney (2)
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